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Mr. Curtis Plante
Sullivan & Cranstall
48 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Curtis:

Upon my return from a trip to Europe, your letter of October 27th has been brought to my attention, and I have read it with a great deal of interest.

We have, of course, endeavored to keep abreast of the developments of which you speak, but we never like to turn down any possible sources of good information. Hence, if it is agreeable with you, I would like to arrange for one of our people here to have a talk with your friend from the south and see if we can be helpful in any way. If you could let me know how we might go about arranging this interview, I will be glad to put my representative in touch with you or your friend if you will give me his identity and location where he could be reached.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

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Director

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48 WALL STREET
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October 27, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
P. O. Box 1513,
Main Post Office,
Washington 13, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I have recently had a long talk with one of my friends from the south of us. He is very much discouraged by the lack of organization among his compatriots in Florida and by what he considers to be the poor liaison with our government. He feels that there are no strong leaders in any of the separate groups and that such leaders as there are, are not getting proper backing.

He also feels that because there is government support it is harder to get private support which perhaps could be more effective. His suggestion is that a small committee be formed composed of outstanding compatriots of his and prominent compatriots of ours which would in effect interpret his people to us and our viewpoint to them. It seems to me that this is a very delicate subject and something that should not be undertaken without having considered it with you.

It is easy to understand that he is quite emotional on the subject. He feels that nothing can be done during the next crop and unless something drastic is accomplished before the beginning of the crop the opposition will be so heavily reinforced from abroad by the end of the crop that the situation will be practically hopeless.

Yours very truly,

Curran

Curtis Pierce

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